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LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have any proposal to phase out the minimum export price fixed for coir and coir products;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGF RURAL INDUSTRIES (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) & (b): The Government has decided that steps have to be initiated for progressive phasing out of the MEP in appropriate manner particularly for the purpose of making the trade policy measures compatible with World Trade Organisation Rules. Accordingly, the Coir Board has withdrawn MEP from embellishment, powerloom products and geotextiles with effect from 11.1.2000.

(c): Does not arise.